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SUBJECT: RELATIONS WITH PDRY

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1. UNTIL RECENTLY, SAG THOUGHT THAT PDRY COULD BE DRAWN INTO MORE MODERATE PATH. SAG STRATEGY WAS TO GRANT FINANCIAL AID TO PDRY AND AT SAME TIME TO ENCOURAGE OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO ESTABLISH OR RESTORE RELATIONS WITH GPDRY IN HOPES THAT THEY WOULD ALSO HAVE MODERATING

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INFLUENCE ON GPDRY. NUMBER OF EVENTS IN RECENT WEEKS HAVE CAUSED SAG TO HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF SUCCESS OF STRATEGY. PDRY SUPPORT OF ETHIOPIA HAS IRRITATED SAG SINCE IT RAN COUNTER TO SAUDI POLICY TOWARD MEGISTU REGIME. RUBIYA ALI'S SPEECH AT UNGA WAS ANOTHER IRRITANT AS WELL AS PDRY FAILURE TO COOPERATE WITH SAUDI EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT RECONCILIATION BETWEEN

OMAN AND PDRY. PDRY MEDIA ATTENTION TO TASS REPORTS OF SAUDI INVOLVEMENT IN ASSASSINATION OF AL-HAMDI WAS STILL ANOTHER SIGN THAT SAUDI STRATEGY WAS NOT WORKING.

2. IN VIEW OF ALL THIS, SAG IS IN PROCESS OF REASSESSING ITS POLICY TOWARD PDRY. IN MEANTIME, IT HAS URGED USG NOT TO RESUME RELATIONS FOR TIME BEING AND TO CONSULT CLOSELY ON FUTURE USG STEPS VIS-A-VIS PDRY. WE SUSPECT THAT THIS WOULD ALSO BE SAG ADVICE TO JORDAN IF APPROACHED BY GOJ ON SUBJECT.

3. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT RESULT OF SAG REASSESSMENT WILL BE, BUT WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT SAUDI SUPPORT FOR PDRY WILL BE CURTAILED UNLESS PDRY GIVES SOME NEW EVIDENCE OF A CHANGE OF POLICY. ONE STRAW IN WIND MAY BE APPEARANCE IN JIDDA OF LEAFLET SUPPOSEDLY DISTRIBUTED BY ARAB SOUTH LEAGUE VOICING ABSOLUTE SUPPORT FOR REVOLUTIONISTS IN OGADEN AND ERITREA AND DISAPPROVING STANCE OF SOUTH YEMEN REGIME ON ISSUE. TEXT OF LEAFLET BEING SENT BY SEPTTEL.
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